

## House Resolution 1404

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 46<sup>th</sup>, Bryant of the 160<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Doug J. Marchand on the occasion of his retirement; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Doug J. Marchand has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
4 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as the executive  
8 director of the Georgia Ports Authority since 1995; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Marchand earned a bachelor's degree from Lamar University and began his  
10 distinguished career in seaport management in 1970 at the Port of Galveston, Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Marchand began his service with the Georgia Ports Authority in April,  
12 1994, as director of ports and was promoted to executive director on January 1, 1995; and

13 WHEREAS, during his tenure as executive director, Mr. Marchand worked with the Georgia  
14 Ports Authority's Board of Directors and state leadership to transform Georgia's ports into  
15 one of this state's strongest economic engines; and

16 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision have been instrumental to the Board of Directors of  
17 the American Association of Port Authorities, the Georgia Freight Bureau, the Georgia  
18 Chamber of Commerce, the South Atlantic Marine Terminal Conference, the South Atlantic  
19 Caribbean Ports Association, and the International Association of Ports and Harbors; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Marchand has been recognized with numerous awards and honors  
21 throughout his career, including the 2004 Industrial Person of the Year Award from the  
22 Savannah Chamber of Commerce, the *Journal of Commerce* Leadership Roll in International

23 Trade Award, and being named one of *Georgia Trend's* 100 Most Influential Georgians and  
24 their 2010 Georgian of the Year; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
26 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend Mr. Doug J. Marchand for his 15 years of efficient,  
29 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the Georgia Ports Authority; congratulate him  
30 upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes  
31 for continued health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Doug J. Marchand.